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Two more archdiocese churches will shutter

Community. St. Callistus in Overbrook and St. Laurentius in Fishtown will no longer serve as worship sites, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced Sunday. A committee of parishioners at St. Laurentius has submitted an appeal to the Vatican for help. PAGE 04

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The Eagles relied on their defense and special teams to keep them in Sunday's game against the 49ers, but their lackluster offense wound up costing them a 4-0 record. / GETTY IMAGES

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Video game developers need tax breaks to stay

Philadelphia. The city could be a vibrant gaming industry, says Drexel's Frank Lee.

Members of the Philadelphia Game Forge work at the city's first co-working site for game developers. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Ash Monif looks at Philadelphia and its tech scene and sees a huge weakness: It's the only large metropolitan American city without a major video game development studio.

"And the reason is ironic, because you have all of the right elements for this to become a technical gravity hub, especially for video games, but it's just not happening," he said.

Monif, who recently returned from a trip in Europe along with his team, Grimm Bros., promoting their game "Dragon Fin Soup," said the infrastructure is here: There are notable game development programs at the University of Pennsylvania and at Drexel, for starters. But most leave for California or New York because that's where the jobs are.

"But one of the things that is not competitive at all," he added, "is any tax breaks."

Last week, local developers met with legislators who asked what the developers needed to bring more jobs to Philly. Essentially: They need help, support and tax breaks.

This isn't new to Frank Lee, director of Drexel University's Entrepreneurial Game Design Studio, who has been working since the mid-2000s to encourage the growth of the video game industry in Philadelphia.

"It's more of a vision I have of wanting to really have a vibrant gaming industry in Philadelphia," he said. "But [my students] end up leaving. They have to go somewhere else."

Last year, Lee was helping to push a bill to establish tax credits for video game companies in the state, but it wasn't signed into law. "So we're trying again."

Multiple sources have said that universities could potentially see support from the state to help build the gaming industry specifically in the city, but a request for comment from Gov. Corbett's office was not returned.

"The legislators are very sympathetic," Lee said, "because it's a huge, huge industry. It's estimated to be between $82 and $100 billion globally in 2014."

And Philadelphia only has a very negligible piece of that.

"So there's only room to grow," Lee said. "There is a potential here. … And the change in the industry helped."

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Keeping them here

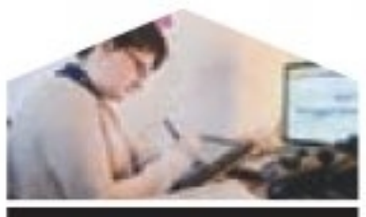
All in the family

Tom Corbett's son, incidentally, is in the gaming industry.

The younger Corbett, also, named Tom, earned a master's degree out of Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Center. He currently works as a project manager for EA Games — Electronic Arts.

The California-based company is known for producing the wildly successful Madden NFL and The Sims franchises.

"So, [Corbett] is sympathetic," Lee said.



Visit Metro.us for more with Philly game developers.

Montco. Cooper CEO, wife unexpectedly die

Cooper Health System President John P. Sheridan Jr. and his wife Joyce died, according to reports, but the cause was unknown as of press time.

Some reports are linking their death to a fire on Meadow Run Drive in the Skillman section of Montgomery Township, but officials wold not confirm.

"It is hard to overstate how great a loss John's death is to his family, friends, co-workers and Cooper," said George E. Norcross, Cooper Health System board chairman, said in a statement. "He was a friend, a mentor and a role model."

Sheridan Jr. had been CEO and president of Cooper Health System since 2008. METRO

Fairmount Park

Mother of four killed walking dog

Kathryn Berry, 42, was shot in Fairmount Park near Morse and 33rd streets around 8:30 p.m. Saturday night by an unknown male while walking her dog. She died early Sunday. No arrests were made as of press time and no motive was reported. METRO

Center City

Henry Kissinger speaks at Free Library tonight

Henry Kissinger, the former U.S. Secretary of State and National Security Advisor under Presidents Nixon and Ford who won the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize for ending the Vietnam War, will speak at the Free Library tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Henry Kissinger / WIKIMEDIA

The sold-out talk will feature Kissinger discussing his new book, "World Order." METRO

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Fern Rock

Man killed by Regional Rail train

A man who was walking in the track area was killed by a SEPTA regional rail train Sunday morning, officials said.

The man was struck around 9:40 a.m. south of the Fern Rock station by a train headed to the airport, according to SEPTA spokeswoman Heather Redfern.

"He was in the track area, so why he was in the track area, all of that is still under investigation," Redfern said.

The train stopped after striking the man.

A 29-year-old woman on Friday was killed when a SEPTA bus with no passengers hit a group of pedestrians on Washington Avenue at 15th Street in South Philadelphia, reports say. Her 8-year-old son was hospitalized. METRO

'Doc' Halladay lunches with his fans

Roy Halladay, former ace pitcher for the Phillies, attended the final Lunch with a Legend series at SugarHouse Casino on Sunday where he spoke about his career and took questions from a crowd of about 50 contest winners. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Philadelphia. Two Catholic churches deconsecrated

Effective Oct. 1, the shuttered Saint Callistus and Saint Laurentius churches will no longer serve as worship sites and will be closed as Roman Catholic churches.

Archbishop Charles Chaput has officially relegated both buildings to "profane but not sordid use" effective Wednesday.

Both churches were closed more than a year ago and were merged into other nearby parishes.

At St. Laurentius in Fishtown, which still has an active Catholic school, a "Save St. Laurentius" committee has submitted an appeal of the Archdiocese's decision to the Vatican in Rome.

"We are going to appeal to Rome and ask Rome to have an honest, open process that determines the best future for this historic building," said A.J. Thomson, a member of the committee.

A canon law attorney is handling the group's appeal.

According to the Archdiocese, Saint Callistus in Overbrook is in need of about $260,000 in repairs, while it would cost $3.5 million to repair reported structural problems the 130-year-old Saint Laurentius. SAM NEWHOUSE

Merging churches

The Archdiocese has merged several Philadelphia parishes in recent years, closing a church and directing people to worship at a nearby church.

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Showing off a big dose of Puerto Rican pride

The 52nd annual Puerto Rican Day parade was held along the Ben Franklin Parkway on Sunday afternoon. Clockwise from top: The Esperanza Academy Dance Ensemble perform a routine. Hundreds turned out to show their pride. Beauty queens ride in a convertible. Members of the Extreme Movement dance troupe show off for the camera. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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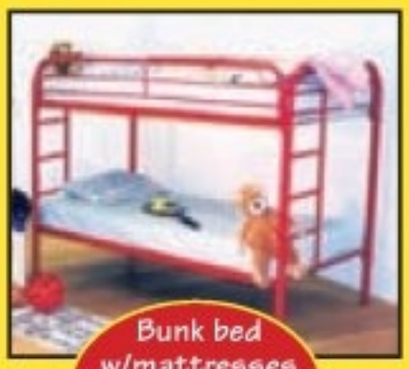

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Obama: US intel underestimated ISIS inside Syria

Help. Obama has sought to build a wider coalition effort to weaken Islamic State.

Syrian Kurdish women flee from Islamic State clashes. / GETTY IMAGES

U.S. intelligence agencies underestimated Islamic State activity inside Syria, which has become "ground zero" for jihadists worldwide, President Barack Obama said in a CBS television interview broadcast on Sunday.

Conversely, the United States overestimated the ability of the Iraqi army to fight the militant groups, Obama said in a "60 Minutes" interview taped, days after the U.S. president made his case at the United Nations for action.

Citing earlier comments by James Clapper, director of national intelligence, Obama acknowledged that U.S. intelligence underestimated what had been taking place in Syria.

Islamic militants went underground when U.S. Marines quashed al Qaeda in Iraq with help from Iraq's tribes, he said.

"But over the past couple of years, during the chaos of the Syrian civil war, where essentially you have huge swaths of the country that are completely ungoverned, they were able to reconstitute themselves and take advantage of that chaos," Obama said.

"And so this became ground zero for jihadists around the world."

Obama has been seeking to build a wider coalition to weaken ISIS. REUTERS

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Ferguson

Suspects sought in shootings of two officers

Police were seeking suspects on Sunday in what appeared to be the unrelated shootings of two police officers in and near the Missouri city of Ferguson, which remains on edge after a black teenager was shot to death by a white police officer last month.

The Saturday night shooting of an officer in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson did not seem linked to peaceful protests occurring elsewhere in the city, police said, nor was it connected to a separate shooting involving an off-duty police officer in St. Louis early Sunday.

Neither officer received life-threatening injuries, according to the St. Louis County Police Department. REUTERS

Monitoring group. Al Qaeda figure killed by US strike in Syria

Rubble of destroyed building, allegedly belonging to the Nusra Front, following the U.S.-led coalition's air strikes against the ISIS on a residential area in northern Aleppo, Syria. / GETTY IMAGES

A jihadist Twitter account said the leader of the al Qaeda-linked Khorasan group was killed in a U.S. air strike in Syria, SITE monitoring service said on Sunday after several days of uncertainty over whether he survived the raid.

A U.S. official said on Sept. 24 that the United States believed Mohsin al-Fadhli, a senior al Qaeda operative, had been killed in a strike a day earlier, but the Pentagon said several hours later it was still investigating what had happened to him.

In a tweet posted on Sept. 27, a jihadist offered condolences for the death of Kuwaiti-born Fadhli, otherwise known as Abu Asmaa al-Kuwati or Abu Asmaa al-Jazrawi, said SITE, a U.S.-based organization that monitors militant groups online. REUTERS

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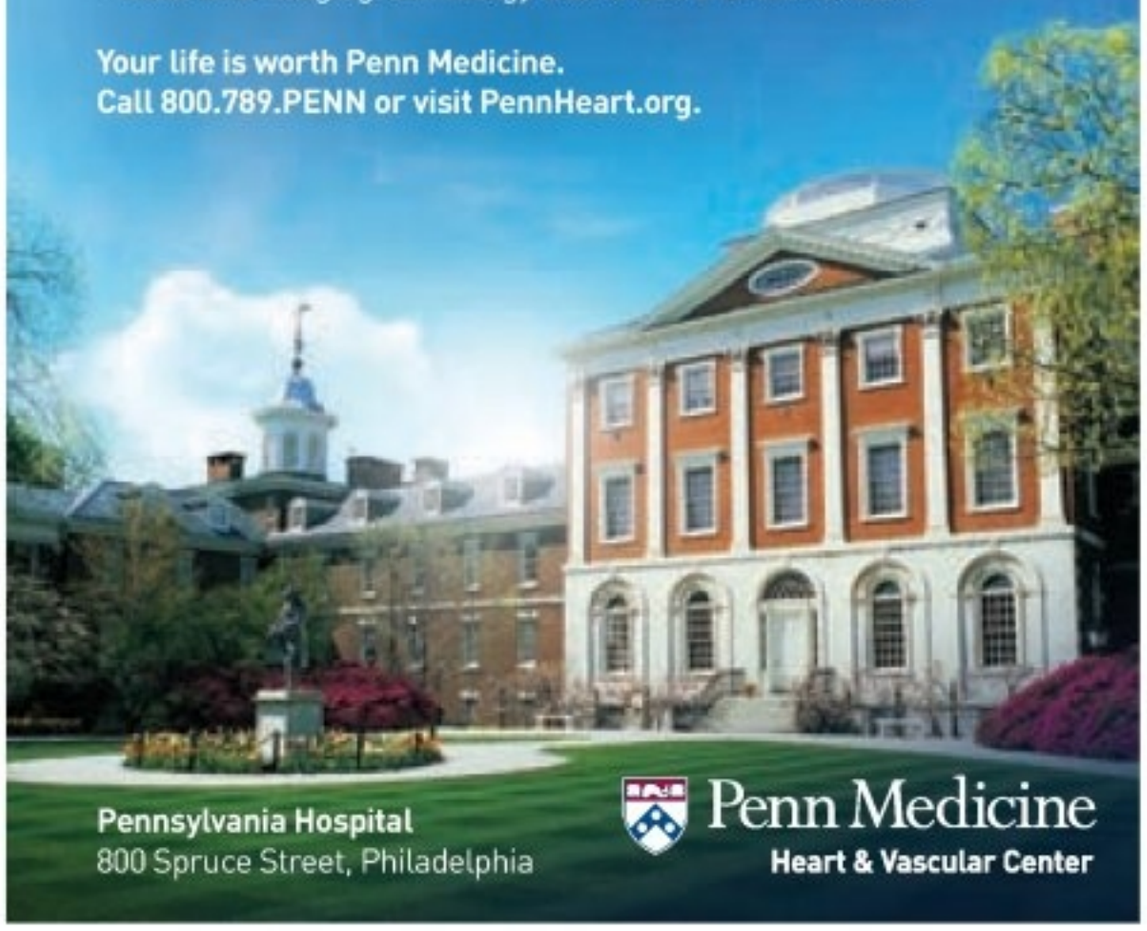

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Erupted. At least 31 feared dead near peak of Japanese volcano

This picture shows a smoke rising from Mount Ontake in Nagano. / GETTY IMAGES

Thirty-one people were presumed dead on Sunday near the peak of a Japanese volcano that erupted a day earlier, catching hundreds of hikers off guard as it belched out clouds of rock and ash.

The deaths on Mount Ontake, 125 miles west of Tokyo, were the first from a Japanese volcanic eruption since 1991.

Police said the 31 were found in "cardio-pulmonary arrest," but declined to confirm their deaths pending a formal examination, as per Japanese custom. Public broadcaster NHK and the Kyodo news agency later reported that four males had been confirmed dead.

An official in the area said rescue efforts had been called off due to rising levels of toxic gas near the peak, as well as approaching nightfall.

Hundreds of people, including children, were stranded on the mountain, a popular hiking site, after it erupted without warning on Saturday.

Most made their way down later on Saturday, but about 40 spent the night near the peak. Some wrapped themselves in blankets and huddled in the basement of buildings.

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OMG! Tech company that lets the customer decide what to pay

"There's no such thing as a free lunch," is a popular phrase — but apparently you can get IT services for gratis. TechBoy, a Brazilian computer solutions startup, only ask customers to pay what they think the service is worth or not at all. It might not sound like a terribly shrewd business model; however, 70 percent of customers paid them something and normally what the work is really worth. "And those who didn't pay are not considered bad, because this is part of our purpose, and we know they market our business through word of mouth so that we can then increase our client base," says founder Robson Felix.

TechBoy is a remote help desk. / COLOURBOX

Since the remote help desk's inception — managed by Felix, 27, based in Riccione, Italy, and his partner who is currently located in Rio de Janeiro — they've completed a total of 3,240 services and covered the start-up's costs in just two months. In fact, the duo, which provides 24-hour support with everything from trouble-shooting and viruses to online shopping, will soon recruit a new technician in New York.

Despite expanding their operation, TechBoy finds that potential customers may steer clear of the "charity" work for fear of it being potentially fraudulent or a scam.

The company still gets a lot of emails and phone calls checking that its outfit is genuine. "But that's pretty normal, because people are not used to this kind of business," says Felix. "That's why our approach is very discreet: After the service is done, we send an email asking if the client wants to collaborate — there's no pressure or deadline. They do what they want."

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Tear gas

Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters are defiant

Riot police advanced on Hong Kong democracy protesters in the early hours of Monday, firing volleys of tear gas after launching a baton-charge in the worst unrest there since communist China took back control of the former British colony 20 years ago.

Some protesters erected barricades to block security forces amid chaotic scenes still unfolding just hours before one of the world's major financial centers was due to open for business. Many roads leading to the Central business district remained sealed off as thousands defied police calls to retreat.

Earlier, police baton-charged a crowd blocking a key road in the government district in defiance of official warnings that the demonstrations were illegal.

Several scuffles broke out between police in helmets, gas masks and riot gear, with demonstrators angered by the firing of tear gas, last used in Hong Kong in 2005. REUTERS

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Today, Metro is thrilled to launch the 10th anniversary edition of Metro Photo Challenge, the world's largest photography competition. This year's contest sees Metro team up in a unique global partnership with the United Nations in concert with last week's U.N. Climate Summit taking place in New York City.

In celebration of 10 years of challenging amateur and professional photographers to take the most stunning images, Metro and the United Nations will focus on a new dimension to the contest: the importance and impact of photography in the urban landscape.

Metro's partnership with the U.N. presents an extraordinary opportunity for metropolitans around the world to participate in a call-to-action on the vital issue of climate change, to use the power of photography to motivate positive change in an issue that affects every global citizen. To this end, the Metro Photo Challenge will have a special category — "My Green City" — dedicated to profiling our interconnectivity between urban dwellers and the ever-changing climate.

"To quote U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, 'Climate change is not a far-off problem, it is happening now, with real consequences,'" said Afsane Bassir-Pour, director of the U.N. Regional Information Center in Brussels. "'But,' adds the secretary general, 'change is in the air.' And Metro International's decision to dedicate the 10th Metro Photo Challenge to the climate is another sign of this change."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Quote

"The key goal is always to activate and motivate our readers with topics that will challenge."

Francisco Contreras
Metro's global marketing director

Contest

Metro Photo Challenge

Metro Photo Challenge was introduced 10 years ago in Sweden and ran globally for the first time in 2007. The contest has become a truly credible and important event for professional and amateur photographers alike. In 2013, 40,000 photographers submitted more than 120,000 images, making Metro Photo Challenge the world's largest photography competition.

Metro Photo challenge winners, above, have won a variety of prizes over the years. The winner of this year's challenge will win $5,000.

Quote

"We at Metro are happy and very excited to have the United Nations as our partner for this year's Metro Photo Challenge. We believe that the collaboration will inspire our readers and photographers from around the world to participate in this year's challenge."

Francisco Contreras, Metro's global marketing director

2014 categories

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My City's Magic

At first glance it's the city buzz, crowds and traffic that fill the eye of the urban dweller, but if you take a closer look, every detail, face, street or object in your city is unique — unique in its life, history and culture. The city can both be beautiful and rough, have a bright and dark side to it, which is all a part of the magic that empowers urban spaces to be the grandest places created by humans. But what makes the magic of your city? And can you capture those unique details?

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Urban Escape

As much as we care about these beehives of cities, we also tend to want to escape from them once in a while — the crowds, traffic, the routine and constant buzz. We tend to look for the silence of nature, the refreshment of a short change or this secret oasis within the city no one ever noticed but you. The escape clears your mind, refreshes your soul and even wipes the board clean. So do you know about this urban escape, and can you capture it? It might be a physical world, a mental place or even a companion you turn to for this getaway.

JULIA NAPOLSKAYA

My Green City

Our cities are very vulnerable to environmental impact, yet at the same time they can provide a great platform as a leading force in the battle against climate change. Affordable, scalable solutions are now available, enabling us all to shift towards cleaner, more sustainable and thus greener cities. Can you capture positive changes made toward combating climate change in your city, to give hope for the future of our planet and humanity? Metro Photo Challenge 2014 and the United Nations invite you to showcase that taking climate action in your urban landscape can save money and promote other benefits such as cleaner air, better well-being for everyone.

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Jaden Smith has really got a hold on you, Thandie Newton's a big Pretenders fan and Joel McHale insists he didn't make that mess.

@officialjade: Hate Me Love Me Doesn't Matter I'm Still Occupying Time Inside Of Your Psyche.

@thandienewton: Just met one of my heroines the great Chrissie Hynde #swoon

@joelmchale: Whoever used the urinal before me was either very nervous or blindfolded or nervous & blindfolded.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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DiCaprio now world's most eligible bachelor?

George Clooney went and got himself hitched this weekend, so that means one thing: We need to find Hollywood's Next Most Eligible Bachelor. It's a tough act to follow, to be sure, but someone out there has to be nearly as adept at being rakish and charming, looking great in a tux and squiring an unending stream of enviable girlfriends to glamorous events while avoiding talk of marriage. So, ladies, who is the new reigning king of single Hollywood? The smart money is on the ever-debonair Comedy Store heir Pauly Shore, who oozes confidence and sophistication. But Shore has some serious competition: David Spade and Ryan Seacrest seem pretty darn eligible, no? But the most obvious choice is noted environmentalist, serious actor type and serial model dater Leonardo DiCaprio — which is awkward, since Clooney isn't such a fan of the "Great Gatsby" star. (He revealed as much in an Esquire profile last year.) I'm sure he would've preferred Shore, but hey, that's not up to him. Enjoy the honeymoon, George!

Leo might want to consider trimming that beard with his new title.

Amal Alamuddin and George Clooney tied the knot this weekend, though reports suggest that the couple may be having another ceremony in Venice as you read this. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Readers, please understand we don't think any of these One Direction members are terrorists!

'Daily Show' goes in One Direction for a joke that offends fans

The folks at "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" learned not to kick the hornet's nest that is One Direction fandom. Fans lit up Twitter with the hashtag #thedailyshowgonetoofar after Jessica Williams mentioned the group in a joke. "Just as you were talking, a new terrorist group formed with one member each from ISIS, al-Nusra, al-Qaeda, Hamas, One Direction and the Zetas drug cartel," Williams reported. Fans assumed she was poking fun at 1D member Zayn Malik, who is Muslim. A sample of the tone of the responding tweets: "I suggest you take 8,381 steps back before I actually kill you." The writers for the show responded via Twitter: "We didn't know the band members' names, religions, hobbies, etc. Just knew they were popular. But not this popular. #whoa"

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Antoine Fuqua could kill you with a butter knife

"TRAINING DAY" DIRECTOR ANTOINE FUQUA REUNITED WITH DENZEL WASHINGTON FOR "THE EQUALIZER." WIREIMAGE

Interview. The director of "The Equalizer" knows how to hurt you (but he won't).

It's amazing what you can get done with the right tools. In "The Equalizer," Denzel Washington takes on a team of Russian mobsters inside a Home Depot-like store using only what's available on the shelves. So when he was designing the climactic battle, director Antoine Fuqua learned quite a bit about what makes a handy weapon.

"Now in my brain, everything's a weapon. You can do some interesting things if you think of it that way," Fuqua tells us. "I went through the store with some stunt guys and a friend of mine who is a special individual, let's say, who knows how to do these things."

When it comes to a topic like this, there's nothing better than a hands-on demonstration, which Fuqua happily provides using a butter knife lying around the hotel suite where we meet. "Guys who know how to do this just puncture you to death, you'll be bleeding on the inside and you don't even know it," he says.

To drive the point home, he pretends to jab us several times with the butt of the knife.

"Cut off the blade and you've still got a weapon. It doesn't make a difference; if somebody knows how to do it, they know how to do it," he says. "They're going to use your festival badge lanyard and choke you with it. 'You got a gun? Oh, nice. I've got a butter knife and a corkscrew.'"

Antoine Fuqua, left, confers with Denzel Washington on the set of "The Equalizer." / SCOTT GARFIELD

A little close to Home Depot

Let's kill something

In "The Equalizer," Denzel Washington's character is retired from special ops and now works at a massive hardware store (it looks like Home Depot, but in the film it's called Home Mart). So did Fuqua and company try to get the real deal involved? "I'm sure they did [reach out to Home Depot], I'm sure the producers did. I'm not a part of that," Fuqua says. "I'm sure they did, but I knew Home Depot wouldn't. They should have, though. It would've been cool for them, but there's other stockholders involved probably who said, 'Hell no!'"

Fuqua sees Home Depot's slogan, "Let's build something," as a missed opportunity. By tying in with "The Equalizer," they could be using "Let's blow some s— up!" instead, he points out.

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Kingsley sits back, relaxes

Interview. To record his "Boxtrolls" baddie's voice, the Oscar-winner had to lean back in a reclining chair.

Here's a fun game: Sir Ben Kingsley has made a lot of films since "Gandhi" in 1982, but at least one of them was a terrible experience. So take a look at Kingsley's IMDb page and try to figure out which filmmaking experience of his was so toxic it prompted him to torch the screenplay. No, really, he did. But of course he's not saying which film it was.

"I actually burned the script," Kingsley says while promoting his latest film, the stop-motion animated film "Boxtrolls" — which we can rule out from being the offending production in question. "I had a ceremonial burning of the script. The director

Quoted

"I actually was lying down for most of my recordings. ... I wanted [my performance] to come from a very relaxed part of me." Kingsley

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Don't expect the characters in "Boxtrolls" to look like the actors who voice them. / LAIKA ENTERTAINMENT

was such an awful person who was so discourteous to the cast and so amateurish. It was a colossal waste of good energy and time."

One way to avoid any repeats of such an experience is taking matters into his own hands. "I've created a production company with my wife. We've got six films on our slate, and one of them is about a naval admiral," Kingsley says. "I want to play a man in uniform. I've got tremendous respect for that life that they lead."

And it will likely be a far cry from his "Boxtrolls" character, the devious Archibald Snatcher, who looks and sounds nothing like Kingsley. "My physicality on screen — the puppet — is very unlike my own silhouette," he says. "I actually was lying down for most of my recordings. I know the recording studio quite well, and I've got some good mates who work there, and they rigged me up a reclining chair so that I could lie almost horizontal. ... I wanted it to come from a very relaxed part of me."

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In the future

The voice

Kingsley has more voiceover work lined up already, with Jon Favreau's take on "The Jungle Book," which will use Kingsley's voice as Bagheera the leopard. "This script is probably a lot closer to Kipling than the original Disney one was," he says.

No word yet on whether he'll be doing this job lying down as well, but it's safe to say he won't torch the script.

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Q&A
IMOGEN POOTS STANDS NEXT TO HENDRIX'S FIRE

The "Jimi: All is by My Side" actress talks playing a woman not many know.

Imogen Poots plays an instrumental part in "Jimi: All is by My Side," but her character — Keith Richards' girlfriend Linda Keith — never got much thanks for cajoling the guitar god out of obscurity and helping him shape his style and persona.

Andre Benjamin's performance as Hendrix is incredible.
He's electrifying. The first time I met him, I was so entranced by him. And I think, if anything, he had to quiet himself for Jimi.

There's a real intelligence and perceptiveness to somebody just observing and being quiet, and I think that's something he wanted Jimi to have — and also an innate melancholy. I think that comes true.

Linda Keith is not very well known, so did you feel any pressure trying to imitate her?
Our director spoke to her, and she was very cool. She was sort of like, "Go do your thing, I give you my blessing but I don't want any part of it." In that way, there's a real intelligence and perceptiveness to somebody just observing and being quiet, and I think that's something he wanted Jimi to have — and also an innate melancholy. I think that comes true.

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"You'd think Hendrix would have been a bit more appreciative," says Poots. "I think what she knows is the idea that you can sort of nurture artists and support them, but they don't belong to you. The audience and the listeners believe that a part of him belongs to them. ... It's sort of the same thing as making a film about Hendrix. People who love him will feel an inevitable ownership, like they want to see the Hendrix they want to see. But my favorite thing about the role, really, was the idea that you do all this and then you can step back and maybe just listen to the records."

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Imogen Poots plays Linda Keith, the woman who helped launch the career of Jimi Hendrix (Andre Benjamin). / PATRICK REDMOND

it was certainly a relief, because if you meet the person face-to-face it's a whole new pressure. But I really, really love Linda. You can see how important it was to her but also how cool she was in a way. I wouldn't want Linda Keith to turn around and be like, "What have you done?!"

It's fascinating to see her role in shaping who Jimi Hendrix eventually came to be.

And I think it's really, really authentic, actually, in terms of [writer/director John Ridley's] storytelling. She very much was a catalyst for him. She was really instrumental in his career in London, and a lot of people maybe don't know that.

Box office. 'Equalizer' muscles its way up to No. 1 slot this weekend

With more than $35 million in ticket sales this weekend, the top spot on the U.S. and Canadian charts went to "The Equalizer," a thriller starring Denzel Washington as a trained killer who comes to the defense of the helpless, in this case a young Russian prostitute (Chloe Grace Moretz) in the grips of a human trafficking ring.

Young adult drama "The Maze Runner" dropped to second place after winning the box office race last weekend. "Maze Runner" earned $17.5 million at domestic theaters from Friday through Sunday, according to tracking firm Rentrak.

Quirky animated movie "The Boxtrolls," which is about green monsters that wear cardboard, finished third in its opening weekend, grossing $17.3 million. REUTERS

People flocked to watch Denzel Washington kill people in "The Equalizer." / SCOTT GARFIELD

Top earners

1. **'The Equalizer,'** $35 million
2. **'The Maze Runner,'** $17.5 million
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DRAMA

'Castle'

Beckett has to work out the details of the car crash that Castle was in, which sounds like a bad day at the office. **SEASON PREMIERE, 10 P.M., ABC**

COMEDY

'Mom'

The family might be at risk because of Christy's financial choices. Jaime Pressly guest stars.
SEASON PREMIERE, 8:30 P.M., CBS

REALITY

'The Voice'

It's Round 3 of blind auditions. Do the coaches practice swinging their chairs around just for fun? **8 P.M., NBC**
LISA WEIDENFELD

Public art. October is Mural Arts Month, and events are taking place all throughout the city

Wednesday kicks off Mural Arts Month, a celebration of the more than 3,500 murals adorning buildings throughout Philly. Whether you want to see every wall in the city painted or, like some critics, you think enough with the murals already, here are four free Mural Arts events that will put a little civic knowledge in your brain — and maybe get your hands dirty.

Mural Arts Director Jane Golden will help rededicate "Tree of Knowledge" at 13th and Market on Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. Go to www.muralarts.org for the full Mural Arts Month lineup. / J. RAMSDALE

'The border is an invitation'

Oct. 2, 6 to 8 p.m.
Thomas Eakins House
1727-29 Mount Vernon St.
This photo exhibit reception centers on three artists: First there's photojournalist Martha Cooper's images of graffiti. And then Steve Weinik chronicles Katharina Grosse's "psychy-lustro," a series of paintings installed along the rail corridor between 30th Street Station and North Philadelphia Station — the same graffiti-covered corridor Cooper once photographed.

Paint Day

Oct. 5, 2 to 4 p.m.
Ile Ife Park at the Village of Arts and Humanities
2544 Germantown Ave.
Pitch in to restore the "Ile Ife" mural, originally painted in 1986 by Lily Yeh, co-founder of North Philly's Village of Arts and Humanities. Stay after the painting for a community cookout — especially because the weather is still mild, and we can do that type of thing without getting snowed on.

City Hall

Oktoberfest at Dilworth Park

Oct. 18 and 25
Noon to 6 p.m.
Head to the newly unveiled Dilworth Park on the west side of City Hall for a fall fest with activities for the kids, art installations, vendors, a beer garden for the grown-ups and live music. Norwegian Arms, Drgn King and Dave P. provide the soundtrack Oct. 18; DJ Statik and Matthew Law of The Illvibe Collective and Son Little play the following Saturday.

Philly DJ Mural Block Party

Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m.
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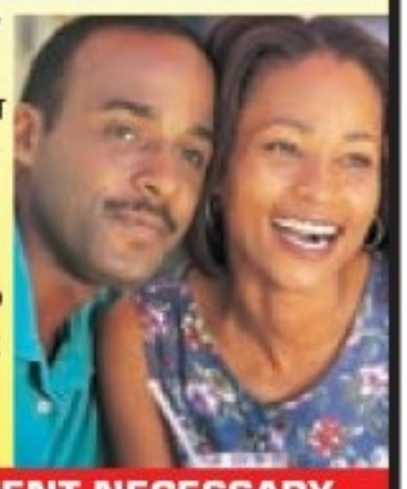

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How a caffeine habit can help you

National Coffee Day. Java drinkers have more going for them than a morning buzz.

With about 2.25 billion cups being drunk daily worldwide, coffee hardly needs its own marketing holiday. But it turns out that the best may be yet to come.

Lest you think that all caffeine is created equal, scientists at the French Institute of Research for Development just this month sequenced the genome of the coffee plant, say that the genes responsible for producing caffeine evolved in an entirely different way from tea and chocolate.

"A genome sequence could be a significant step toward improving coffee," one of the lead researchers said.

But science has already done plenty to justify your regular caffeine intake. On this National Coffee Day, we round up just a few of the reasons.

1 Drinking more than a cup of coffee a day reduced stroke risk by as much as 25 percent among women, compared with those who drank less.

2 Hydrate away! Regular coffee drinkers, who have built up a tolerance to caffeine, do not experience any diuretic effects from it.

3 Coffee also doesn't stimulate stomach acid production, cause ulcers or acid reflux, and can in fact help rather than hurt those at risk of developing gallstones.

4 Moderation is key when it comes to the heart: About two cups a day can cut heart failure risk by up to 11 percent, but five or more could be harmful.

5 Type 2 diabetes risk was similarly cut by 11 percent in people who upped their coffee drinking by more than one cup a day over four years — and those who cut their intake saw their risk rise by 17 percent.

6 Coffee protects against some oral and pharyngeal (tongue, soft palate, tonsils) cancers, with those who drink more than four cups a day having a 49 percent lower risk. That protection falls with each fewer cup.

7 Coffee slows the formation of scar tissue on the liver from excessive drinking.

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Coffee deals

Where to get a jolt today

Dunkin' Donuts: Get a free medium cup of the chain's new flavor, Dark Roast Coffee, all day, or for 99 cents through Oct. 5.

McDonald's: The celebration has been going on since Sept. 16 with free small morning coffees. The promotion continues through today.

Krispy Kreme: Besides a free 12 oz. cup of coffee, all other coffee-based drinks are $1 off.

Tim Hortons: Try what all the north-of-the-border fuss is about at Canada's beloved coffee house, where any size coffee is $1 through Sept. 29.

Coffee's benefits kick in at around two cups a day. / WAVEBREAK MEDIA

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Why you crave it

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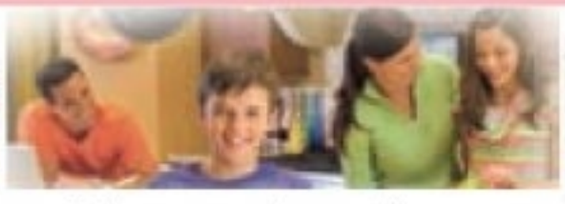

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College applications.

Learn how to beat writer's block and create the perfect personal statement.

Taking the time to brainstorm about your essay topic is key, says author Gabrielle Glancy, inset.
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Writing a college application essay is a stressful process is an understatement, to say the least. Many high school students end up struggling as they attempt to describe their personalities in roughly 500 words or less.

Gabrielle Glancy has been coaching high school students through the college application process for nearly 30 years. In her new book "The Art of the College Essay," Glancy details how college applicants can make their essays stand out in the increasingly competitive crowd.

"I think students aren't taught what a narrative personal statement is,"

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says Glancy. Once students get a little guidance, she continues, they often come up with essays that shine.

Glancy shares some pointers on how students can fight writer's block and get writing.

Don't start at the beginning

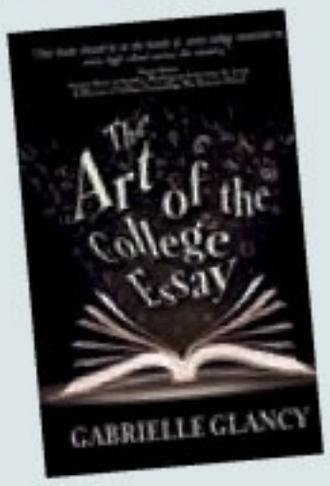
"Students have been taught that essays should have a strong introduction," Glancy notes. But, she says, it's not possible to have a strong introduction if you don't know what you are going to be writing about in the end.

Take the time to brainstorm

Before you commit to officially writing your essay, take some time to just free-write and get creative. "I try to get them to brainstorm possible moments of their lives, and to describe the world you come from," Glancy says of her students.

"Just write, write, write," Glancy says of the brainstorming phase. "Don't care about your grammar or spelling." The important thing is to start.

The outline



A successful essay, says Glancy, should follow this basic outline:

- Start in the middle of the story to catch your reader's attention and create suspense.
- The next sentence should create some context for your opener.
- Every sentence after must make you want to read further.

Draw your reader in

The goal of your essay's first sentence is to make your reader instantly interested in reading more. Glancy says too many students start their essays with sentences that simply reword the question, i.e. "I want to go to Big State University because." Instead, students should try to paint a picture for their readers. "Start in the middle of the story," she advises.

One of Glancy's favorite stories to tell is about a student of hers who was a highly recruited lacrosse athlete who wanted to write about when he was knocked unconscious during a game. "He started his essay with, 'The next thing I know I was looking at the sky,'" says Glancy, noting that most readers would probably be instantly intrigued.

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By day, Isaac Rodriguez is the CEO of the Provident Loan Society, the 180-year-old nonprofit lender that was founded by business tycoons including J.P. Morgan and Cornelius Vanderbilt. By night, Rodriguez performs as an improv comedian.

The most significant thing improv has taught him, says Rodriguez, may surprise readers.

"The most important thing would be listening," says Rodriguez. "How important that is, to listen to someone."

Rodriguez shares these improv tips for anyone looking to get ahead in the workplace.

Don't be thrown off by a curveball during a meeting. / DIGITAL VISION

Keep the conversation going

Never let the conversation peter out. To do is, Rodriguez says you should use what he calls the "yes, and" principle. "It's an actor's job to justify, make positive choices and respect [the] physical and verbal reality of the scene," he says. If you end up saying something like "I don't know" or "We can't do that," you are effectively shutting that door.

Engage your audience

It just takes a moment to lose the interest of your audience. "If an individual is physically involved in something and not verbally responding to you, simply acknowledge it," advises Rodriguez. "Say, 'You're really involved in something, and what we are talking about requires an extensive conversation. What other time can I come in and talk about it?'" That way, they have to either reschedule or stop and talk to you.

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Branching out

Get out of your comfort zone

Rodriguez says improv classes can help with public speaking. "If you want to push your comfort zone, there are others there who will support you," says Rodriguez. "[There won't] be any negativity, because it's all positive."

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What if you're in a car accident?

First things first. Seek medical help if you're seriously injured. A lawsuit could come next.

Make sure you exchange insurance information and take photos of the scene. / MONKEYBUSINESSIMAGES

If you're seriously hurt in a car accident, you know that calling 911 is the very first thing you should do. After that, however, there could be ways to follow up if your injury is serious and was caused by the negligence of someone else.

"In every automobile accident — as in every personal injury accident — there are three things you need to prove [if you suffer an injury]," says Leonard Fodera, of Fodera & Long in Center City.

One: Did the other person do something they shouldn't have done? For example, were you rear-ended or did you hit someone as they pulled out and turned in front of you?

Two: Did what the other person do wrong cause a problem? Fodera uses this example: "Say you're going down Broad Street," he says, "and you come to the corner of Walnut. A car comes up from behind and hits you. There's no question that car is at fault."

Third: Did that accident cause you serious bodily harm?

If you said "yes" to all three, you could have a personal injury lawsuit on your hands.

But, Fodera says, let the experts decide that.

"If you have been injured," Fodera says, "you should seek legal advice. Let the lawyers sort out if there is a case."

The call is almost always free, says Fodera, who adds that his office fields several calls after automobile accidents. But if there's no case, Fodera will simply tell the caller.

But don't call a lawyer before you seek medical help. Here's a timeline of what you should do if you, unfortunately, are involved in an automobile accident — whether you're the driver, the passenger or even a pedestrian.

Fodera says the first thing you need to do is pull over to the side of the road and exchange information with the other party or parties involved in the accident.

The second thing Fodera says to do is something many people might not think of immediately. Take out your cell phone or a digital camera and take pictures of the scene. "It makes a difference sometimes," Fodera says.

Then, call 911.

However, if you're seriously injured, the first call should be to 911 to seek immediate medical attention. And, don't ignore any signs that you're injured, whether they pop up right after the accident or even a day later.

"When a person is in an automobile accident," Fodera says, "generally they are stunned. The adrenaline takes over. Sometimes, the adrenaline will mask a pain or an injury. Always seek medical attention. Take care of yourself and listen to the doctors."

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In Pennsylvania, there are two types of insurance someone can purchase — limited tort and full tort. With limited tort, Fodera says, you pay a lower premium but you give up your right to sue in certain instances. With full tort, the premium is higher but you retain your right to sue, he adds. If the driver who hits you has no insurance, then you — as the other driver as a pedestrian — have full tort. And you can sue for personal injury.

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Start a nonprofit organization

Donate. If you don't have the time or people to start a board, there are other ways to give back.

For some people, donating to a charity or a fund isn't enough for them. You may want to take that next step to raise large amounts of money and awareness for a cause by starting a nonprofit organization.

But just as important as it is to legally establish your nonprofit, it's important to legally maintain it. And actually, there are other ways to raise funds for a cause near and dear to your heart if your schedule doesn't allow you to sit on the board of a nonprofit organization.

"The process is similar to forming any corporation," says Heather Winett, attorney at law, based in Center City.

The first step is easy. Once you've established your nonprofit's name and mission, fill out a form you can find on the Pennsylvania Department of State website under "Corporations."

The next part may be the hardest, since it usually turns into a waiting game. To apply to get a tax-free option for your donors, you have to look to the IRS. Here, you must be clear about the public purpose of your nonprofit organization. It's where a lawyer usually comes in.

"It's important to get someone who knows what they are doing to make sure everything matches up," Winett says.

The IRS application could actually take a year or more, says Winett, mostly due to the sheer volume of applications and the screening process.

But there is something you can do in the meantime, or maybe if you decide forming a legitimate nonprofit organization isn't for you. It's called a fiscal sponsorship and it allows you to start accepting donations for your charity right away.

You can start your own food donation charity or join another. /CATHERINE YEULET, GETTY IMAGES, ISTOCK PHOTO

An example Winett uses is a food bank organization. Say you want to start collecting monetary donations or canned goods but don't want to start your own charity. It's possible to piggyback onto an umbrella organization and donate that way.

"Why not use what's available?" Winett says.

Just reach out to that umbrella organization to find out your options.

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Planning

What's next?

You've legally started the nonprofit, so now you have to legally maintain it.

In Pennsylvania, you must have at least three officers on your board of directors. You can alter the names, but usually there is a president, a secretary and a treasurer.

Also, you must have regular meetings where minutes are kept. You also must establish bylaws. This is also where a lawyer is especially helpful.

"The main point is that this organization is a corporation," Winett says. "It's not just a social club. There are statutory requirements. That's why the bylaws are become so important and you must stick with them."

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♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You will tire quickly if you try to keep up with everyone else. Take care of your responsibilities and let others do the same, and you'll do just fine.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. If you can't afford something, don't buy it. Putting yourself in a compromising financial position will only invite trouble.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Follow your chosen path. Trying to outperform others will slow you down and damage your reputation. You can get what you want if you are industrious.

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♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. A former friend will find a way back into your life. You stand to be hurt if you come on too strong.

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Letters

Pedestrians should follow the law before getting angry at cyclists

Re: 'Stop hating cyclists' (Metro, Sept. 23) As both a cyclist and pedestrian, I'd like to point out how flagrantly dishonest the anti-bike crowd is. The response to Janice Amato's flawless letter speaks for itself. Not one person rebutted her points, and instead they change the subject, which is a tactic of people who think they are lying.

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They all say, "The law is the law." Then they change their tune as they jaywalk 30 times a day. Is there a single honest person who hates lawless cyclists?

If so, then explain why police should crack down on lawbreaking cyclists but NOT lawbreaking pedestrians. More people die from jaywalking than being hit by cyclists. Facts matter. Your double standard is obscene and corrupt. Get ready to change the subject again!

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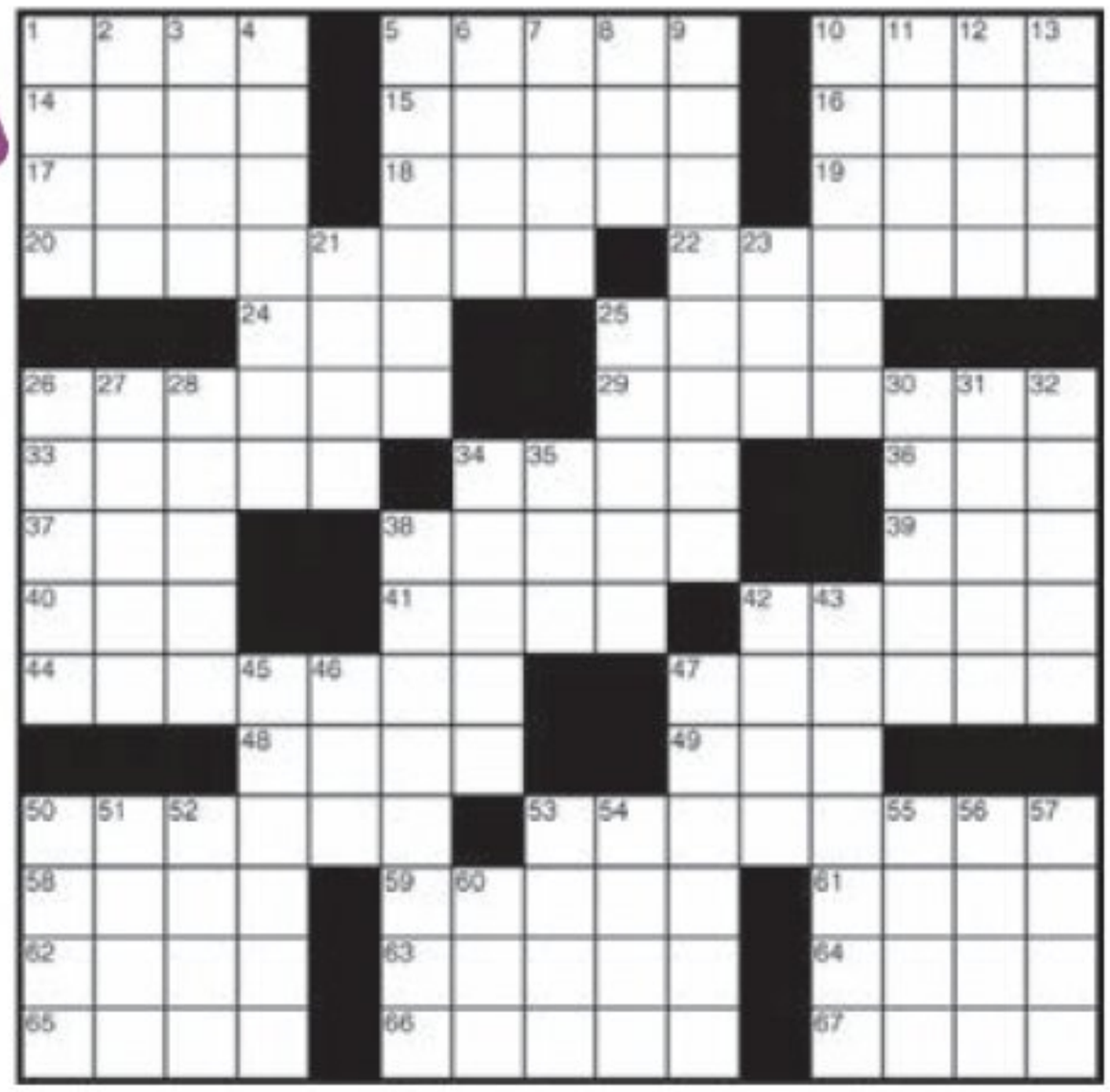

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3 SPORTS

National history

Nats get no-hitter in finale

With the Nationals already champions of the NL East, their finale against the Marlins on Sunday didn't mean that much. But that didn't stop Jordan Zimmermann from throwing the Nats' first-ever no-hitter in a 10-strikeout performance. The feat was capped by an incredible diving grab by Steven Souza Jr. in left field for the last out in the 1-0 win.

Eagles fall to 49ers as offense struggles badly

NFL. The Eagles suffered their first loss despite spectacular plays on defense and special teams.

Jeremy Maclin was the lone offensive bright spot, catching five key passes for 68 yards. / GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles needed 79 yards in just over 75 seconds Sunday afternoon to complete their fourth consecutive comeback.

But instead of leading his team down the field again, like he had repeatedly in the first three games of 2014, Nick Foles' final pass found the hands of 49ers defensive back Perrish Cox, setting the Birds back to 3-1 after their worst offensive performance in more than a year.

Philadelphia was outplayed on offense, and despite spectacular special teams and defense early, there is only so much magic to be found in Chip Kelly's playbook.

"I thought offensively we didn't do anything," head coach Chip Kelly said, "but our special teams and defense did really well. To get four sacks on [Colin] Kaepernick, it just seemed like it was one of those days where our defense really did its job but they were on the field way too much."

The Eagles failed to score an offensive touchdown, and were outgained 407-213. They also only possessed the ball for 17:43.

The Birds' special teams struck first with Brad Smith returning a blocked kick for a score early in the first quarter, and then in the red zone, holding Kaepernick and the 49ers to a chip shot field goal.

When the second quarter began, Kaepernick showed his elusiveness on a 55-yard touchdown pass to Frank Gore than came on the heels of a scramble all over the backfield.

Than Malcom Jenkins was unleashed. The safety caught an easy interception from Kaepernick and returned the ball 53 yards for a touchdown, escaping several potential tacklers and getting several key blocks from offensive lineman en route to the end zone, giving the Eagles their second lead.

With the offense still yet to contribute points, Darren Sproles brought a big play of his own, taking a punt 82 yards to the house to give the Eagles an 11-point lead before the Niners responded with a field goal before halftime.

"When you score twice on special teams, statistically, usually you come out on top," Kelly said.

Through three quarters, the Eagles offense had yet to run a play inside the 49ers' 50-yard line and only possessed the ball for just over 11 minutes.

"There's going to be days when one of the phases isn't going well, and the other two can bail it out," Kelly said. "We came close."

After their best drive of the entire game, the Eagles faced a fourth and goal from the 2-yard line. Foles threw it away in the back of the end zone, causing a turnover on downs. An Eagles three-and-out on defense set up the final drive.

Quoted

"It was a mixture of everyone not executing at the same time. ... We all need to be working on the same page, and that was the main issue."

Dennis Kelly, Eagles offensive lineman on WIP radio after the loss

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NFL. Eagles' running game still nonexistent in San Francisco loss

The Eagles are really missing their injured offensive linemen.

One year after one of the most prolific rushing seasons in Birds history, the Eagles are among the worst rushing teams in football, and Sunday's loss to the Niners was no different.

"We couldn't get anything going up top," Eagles head coach Chip Kelly said. "It was very tough for anybody up there. It wasn't like if you put Darren in there Darren's running up and down the field — running the football is a cooperative deal it takes everybody."

Philadelphia only attempted 12 run plays in San Francisco, and it makes sense, as the Birds netted just 21 yards on these runs.

LeSean McCoy has still yet to exceed 200 total rushing yards through four games this season. **EVAN MACY**

LeSean McCoy has not been producing in 2014. / GETTY IMAGES

Grounded game

The Eagles will get offensive lineman Lane Johnson back from a four-game suspension to help an overmatched and inexperienced offensive line.

- "If people are going to just rush four, we have to do a better job," Chip Kelly said of the offensive line's struggles against the 49ers. "I don't think anybody offensively played very well."

All Saints day

SPROLES SCORED HIS THIRD TOUCHDOWN. / GETTY IMAGES

Eagles get big boost from former Saints

The Eagles look like bandits this season.

The two players the Birds acquired from the New Orleans Saints this offseason — one in a trade and one as a free agent — really made their presence felt in Sunday's loss.

Safety Malcom Jenkins returned an interception for a touchdown, his second pick with Philadelphia.

Darren Sproles, who after two huge weeks was quiet against Washington in Week 3 once again was a spark plug, returning a punt 82 yards for a score in the first half. **METRO**

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USA not OK

Team USA blown away in Ryder Cup

The Americans really had no chance to come back from a huge deficit in Scotland Sunday morning as the Ryder Cup concluded with singles matches.

Team USA fell short of a miracle comeback in a 16 1/2-11 1/2 defeat to Europe.

It was the third straight loss for the United States in the Ryder Cup.

Phil Mickelson was critical of captain Tom Watson and of the strategy used by the Americans as a whole after the loss. Mickelson and Friday partner Keegan Bradley were not in the lineup to play in either of two matches Saturday.

Mickelson won his singles match Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

"Unfortunately, we have strayed from a winning formula in 2008 for the last three Ryder Cups," Mickelson said. "And we need to consider maybe getting back to that formula that helped us play our best."

Mickelson is now 16-19-6 in 10 Ryder Cups.

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Rodgers threw for 304 yards and four touchdowns. / GETTY IMAGES

Packers turn up offense, bury Bears

NFL. The Dolphins, Colts and Ravens also poured on the offense in big wins.

The expectations for the Green Bay offense entering this season were sky high and in Week 4, Aaron Rodgers and Co. finally lived up to the hype in a 38-17 win. Rodgers threw four touchdowns without an interception and Randall Cobb and Jordy Nelson each finished with over 100 yards receiving.

Texans 23, Bills 17
Nothing came easy for Houston as a banged-up Arian Foster rushed for just six yards on eight carries but the Texans defense did just enough to move Bill O'Brien to 3-1 so far as an NFL head coach. J.J. Watt's 80-yard interception return for a touchdown in the third quarter put the Texans ahead for good.

Colts 41, Titans 17
For the second straight week, Andrew Luck and the Colts (2-2) offense feasted as Andrew Luck threw for 393 yards and four touchdowns in the Indy romp. Reggie Wayne collected 119 yards of receiving on seven grabs and found the end zone once.

Ravens 38, Panthers 10
Steve Smith Sr. wore his heart on his sleeve against his former teammates and Carolina (2-2) cowered against the fiery wide receiver. Smith scored two touchdowns in the second quarter against the Panthers as Baltimore (3-1) held a 21-7 advantage at halftime.

Lions 24, Jets 17
Calvin Johnson was hobbled by an ankle injury but the Jets (1-3) defense could not solve the tag team of Matthew Stafford and Golden Tate. Stafford passed for 293 yards and tossed touchdowns to Jeremy Ross and Eric Ebron.

Buccaneers 27, Steelers 24
The Bucs (1-3) scored the biggest upset of Sunday's early slate, marching into Pittsburgh (2-2) and coming away with Lovie Smith's first win as the Tampa Bay head man.

Dolphins 38, Raiders 14
A week after nearly pulling off an upset in New England, the Raiders (0-4) looked brutal in jolly, old England as they fell behind Miami 24-7 by halftime and were never truly in the game the rest of the way.

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Temple football off to quick start

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Don't look now, but the Temple Owls are back.

The team has already exceeded its win total from last season, and its used a stifling defense to do so.

"Give our defense credit," Temple coach Matt Rhule said. "In all three wins this year, our defense has outscored the opponents' offense."

Temple's offense has been pretty good too. Sporting a 3-1 record, Temple is one of only four FBS teams to average over 35.0 points per game and allowed 12.0 or less. They join TCU, Ole Miss and Notre Dame. The defense and special teams have scored seven times this year, and the team's 17 takeaways is second only to Virginia in all of FBS.

Rhule is off to a good start at his goal of turning it around. / GETTY IMAGES

Quarterback P.J. Walker is also finding his stride as signal caller, using a newfound accuracy and shifty legs to score in the air and on the ground. Walker has now thrown for 200-plus yards in 10 of his 11 career starts and thrown for at least one TD in all 11.

The Owls have a week off before hosting Tulsa at Lincoln Financial Field on Oct 11.

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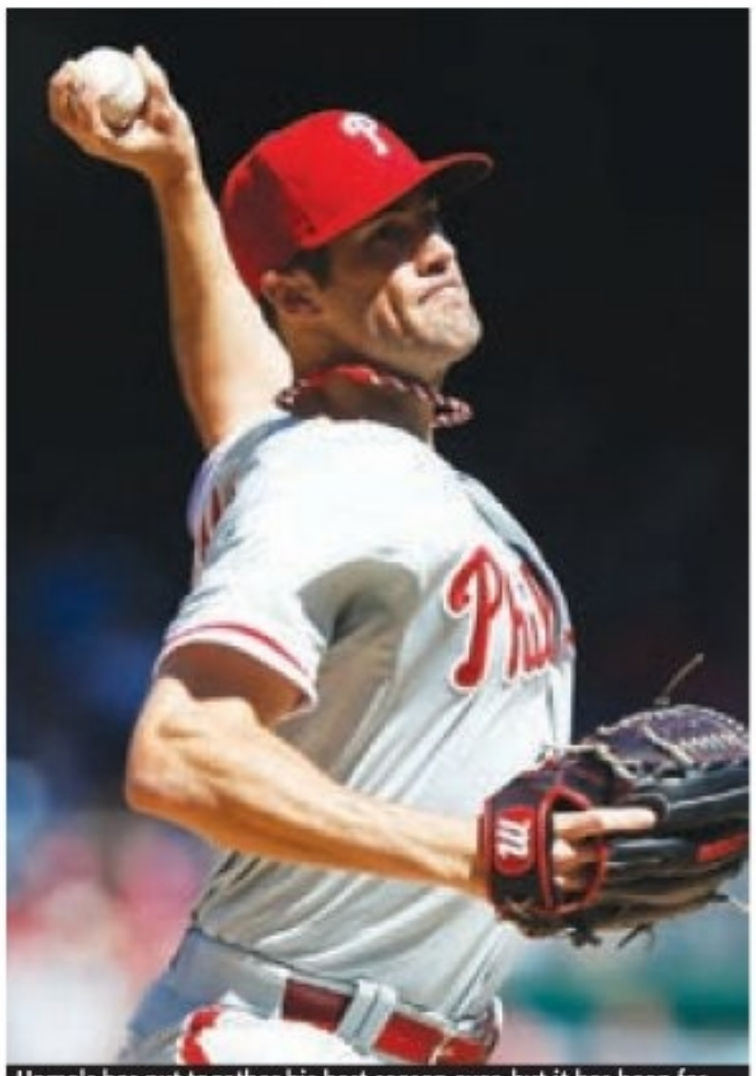
MLB. Phillies finish season fittingly as run support fails Hamels



Hamels has put together his best season ever, but it has been for the worst Phillies team he's ever pitched for. / GETTY IMAGES

Cole Hamels is 9-9 this season.

He has nearly 200 strikeouts and has surpassed 200 innings, and his 2.46 ERA is not only the best in his career, but also fourth best in the National League.

After allowing just three hits and two runs in eight innings of work against the Braves Sunday, Hamels was rewarded with yet another losing decision.

The Braves struck Hamels early for two runs, one on a solo homer by Emilio Bonafacio.

A Freddie Freeman RBI single scored the Braves second run before Hamels threw seven more lights-out innings.

Ben Revere was able to add an RBI in the eighth inning, but unfortunately he grounded into a double play to plate the run.

With the bases loaded and nobody out, Revere wasn't able to get the hit the Phillies needed.

Though Ryan Howard did knock a single in the bottom of the ninth, the Phils were unable to stage a comeback to lift Hamels and the team fell in its final game.

The Phillies finish the season in last place in the NL East, sporting a 73-89 record. METRO

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Phils rotation wraps 2014 with questions

MLB. Aside from Cole Hamels, the Phillies' 2015 rotation has four unknowns.

Burnett has a player option and could return in 2015 after losing 18 games this season. / GETTY IMAGES

After A.J. Burnett threw his 119th and final pitch Saturday night against the Braves, a familiar question popped into many fans' minds as the Phillies pitcher — who leads the league in tattoos and the team in walks issued this season — strolled to the dugout.

Is that the last pitch Burnett will throw in red-and-white pinstripes? The same question applies to Kyle Kendrick. Will Jerome Williams, who has been solid during a brief run, return? Expect considerable turnover.

Ace Cole Hamels, coming off the best season of his career while pitching for the worst Phillies team during his tenure, is a lock, barring injury, to start the 2015 season opener against the Boston Red Sox.

However, the questions start with Burnett, who has a player option to come back for $12.75 million.

Burnett, who lost 18 games, the most by a Phillies starter since Steve Carlton lost 20 in 1973, was thinking about retirement after leaving Pittsburgh following the 2013 playoffs. Will Burnett call it a career or will the money prompt a final season?

"Money ain't everything," Burnett said. "Money is money."

Burnett, who earned more than $130 million during his respectable career — as well as two World Series rings — doesn't need the cash or more hardware. His wife and two young sons could be enough for him to retire.

"I have a lot going on outside of the game," Burnett said. "The game has been great to me."

Burnett has pitched with a hernia all season. He's going to have hernia surgery a week after the season ends.

"I'm healthy enough to compete," Burnett said. "What it comes down to is if I have the drive to compete."

Kendrick, who emerged from obscurity in 2007, is an innings eater. He ate up 199 frames this season, but he's been maddeningly inconsistent. Despite that, expect Kendrick to receive a raise. Odds are the Phillies won't offer him a new deal at $8 million or $10 million per season — however, the pitching-desperate team should reward Kendrick for his durability.

Williams and Buchanan will be in the mix for a slot in the rotation, since there are four positions available.

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Number of games started by Kyle Kendrick and A.J. Burnett. Of those starts, 31 decisions were losses; the two have the second and third worst ERA in the league respectively.

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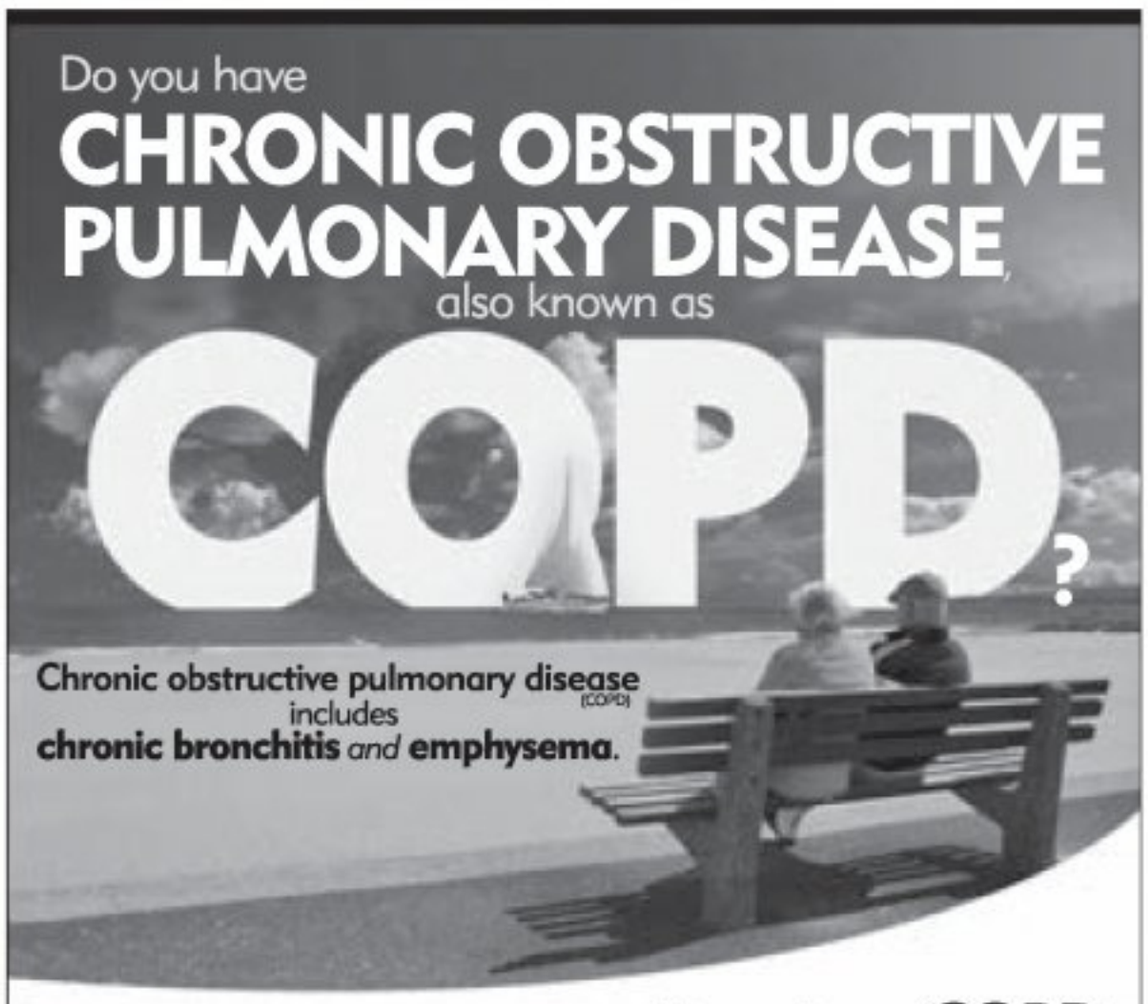

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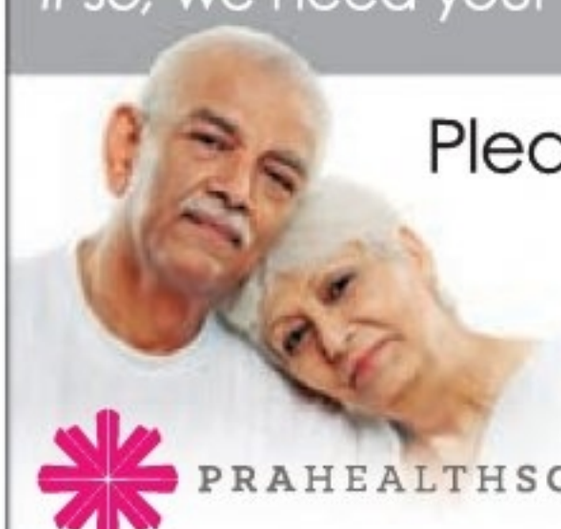

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